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*Via e-mail*

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**Re: Public Records Request Dated February 22, 2019 – Institute for Clinical and Economic Review**

Dear Mr. Kane,

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), responds to the above referenced public records request (PRR) received on February 22, 2019, wherein you specifically requested:

All communications including emails and written correspondence between the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services from December 1, 2018 to February 22, 2019.

EOHHS has identified approximately fifty-four (54) email records as potentially responsive to your request. EOHHS personnel have begun to review the email records for responsiveness, applicable privileges and exemptions, and necessary redactions, as required by law.

Personally identifiable information, such as social security numbers, personal telephone numbers, and home addresses, must be redacted pursuant to G.L. c. 7, §§ 7(26)(a) (exempt by statute) and (c) (exemption for personnel and medical information, and personal privacy). Such material constitutes “personal data” protected from disclosure pursuant to G.L. 66A, the Massachusetts Fair Information Practice Act. Additionally, highly personal information, and individual identifiable information, is exempt from disclosure, as the disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(c).

EOHHS personnel require additional time to complete the review work. Once the review work is complete, EOHHS will produce responsive, non-privileged, non-exempt records. EOHHS anticipates the production will issue on or before March 29, 2019.

Please note EOHHS is not assessing fees for this request.

Please contact me directly with any questions or concerns relating to your request.

If you believe the agency has violated G.L. c. 66, § 10, pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A, you may submit an appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth or seek judicial review by commencing a civil action in Suffolk Superior Court.

Sincerely,

*Alexander D. deBlieck*

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Records Access Officer